



# California Public Utilities Commission

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## Media Advisory

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### **PUC SAN JOSE SMALL BUSINESS EXPO SET TO BRING COMMUNITY BUSINESSES TOGETHER WITH UTILITIES FOR POSSIBLE CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES**

SAN FRANCISCO, September 6, 2006 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is holding its seventh free Small Business Expo, set for San Jose on Sept. 14, 2006.

- WHAT:** San Jose Small Business Expo, a free event geared to small business owners to:
- Help connect small businesses to utility procurement specialists
  - Educate on the benefits of becoming certified as a woman-owned or minority-owned business
  - Inform small businesses of utility best business practices and “how to get in the door” with utility companies
  - Inform small businesses of utility contract opportunities
  - Provide networking with other small business owners

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 14, 2006  
7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

#### SCHEDULE

- 7 a.m.-7:30 a.m.: Registration and Matchmaking Appointment Signups
- 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.: Welcome/Presentations/Q&A
- 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Matchmaking, 10-minute, one-on-one appointments with small business owners and utility procurement specialists
- 7 a.m.-11:30 a.m. informational booths available

**WHERE:** Italian American Heritage Foundation  
425 N. Fourth St.  
San Jose

**PARKING:** Free onsite (limited to 30 spaces, first-come, first-served) and the Salvation Army’s back parking lot at 359 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Free street parking is also available along Hensley and N. Fourth Streets, although participants are encouraged to park in the lots.

**WHO:** PUC Commissioner John Bohn, AT&T, California Water Association, Cingular, City of San Jose Office of Economic Development, Filipino American Chamber of Commerce, Pacific Gas and Electric Company, Sempra Utilities (includes San Diego Gas and Electric Company and Southern California Gas Company), Silicon Valley SCORE Chapter 405, Southern California Edison, Supplier Clearinghouse (provides certification for women-and-minority-owned businesses), Verizon Communications/Verizon Wireless, and more!

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Pre-registration is encouraged but not required, as walk-ins are welcome! Pre-register and obtain more information at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/expos/>.

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